

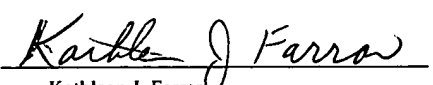


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 9-11), without *traverse*. Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

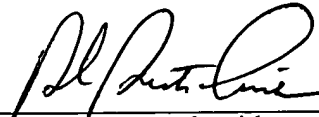
Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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